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(KRAFT); WHS B&F FISHER; DA FOR COMPTROLLER

E.O. 11652:NA
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

1. REQUEST CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE TRAVEL
ORDERS FOR MR. WILLIAM J. DENNEHY, US MEMBER OF MILITARY
BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC) TO VISIT WASHINGTON WEEK OF
24 APR 78. MR. DENNEHY PLANS TO MEET WITH MR. MILLER,
MR. KRAFT AND WITH ARMY O&M PROGRAM 10 OFFICERS AS
APPROPRIATE.

2. THE MBC IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO RAISE THE
FUNDING LEVEL FOR O&M, INTERNATIONAL MILITARY BUDGETS
(SEE USNATO 03135 DTG 242052 MAR 78). LONG TERM FINAN-
CIAL FORECASTS INDICATE BUDGET INCREASES OF 40 PERCENT
OVER NEXT 5 YEARS IN CONSTANT DOLLARS. FUNDING OF NICS
O&M COSTS PROVIDES STRONG, UPWARD PRESSURE FOR RAISING
THE BUDGET AS HAVE RECENT MBC COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS,
WHICH ARE REPEATEDLY CONCERNED WITH DEMANDS FOR INCREASING
CIVIL MANPOWER LEVELS, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO NICS AND
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OTHER ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS.

3. IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY DEFEND US POSITIONS, US MEMBER
OF MBC NEEDS TO DISCUSS WITH WASHINGTON AGENCIES THE
ABOVE AND OTHER BUDGET/FINANCIAL ISSUES. IT WOULD BE
USEFUL FOR HIM TO EXPLAIN MBC (AND NATO MILITARY)
THINKING/ATTITUDES ON A RANGE OF CURRENT FINANCIAL

PROBLEMS AND TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF ARMY/OSD COMPTROLLER
THOUGHTS ON ACCEPTABLE FUTURE BUDGET TRENDS.BENNETT

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